

## APRIL 15 NAMED STATE ROAD DAY

Governor Calls Upon All Citizens  
to Contribute Labor on  
Public Highways.

### TAKE UP WORK IN SCHOOLS

Commercial Bodies Urged to Co-operate  
With Commissioners and  
County Organizations.

Springfield, Ill., March 24.—Governor Dunne yesterday took official cognizance of the good roads movement in Illinois and, in a proclamation, designated Wednesday, April 15, as "road day" throughout the state. The governor said in part:

"Perhaps no subject has more thoroughly aroused the people of Illinois to action than has the question of improvement of our wagon roads.

"In Illinois, we are entering upon a new era of road improvement. The new law of the state, one of the most comprehensive under which any state is acting, has become operative.

"It is also advisable that 'road day' be observed in the schools, for the children of today are the citizens of tomorrow, and there should be read in all schools, on this day, a short treatise dealing with the subject of road improvement, together with this proclamation.

"Now, therefore, for the purpose of bringing about the commencement of comprehensive and co-ordinated work upon the roadways of the whole state, I respectfully urge the state highway commission, the state highway engineers, county superintendents of highways, town or district road officers, their employees and the public in general, on April 15, to begin practical and effective work upon the improvement of highways of the state, to continue said work industriously

and 'pull Illinois out of the mud,' which has so grievously clogged her rural transportation in the past."

Dr. E. C. Dunn, Lecturer.  
Rockford, Ill., March 24.—Dr. Elisha C. Dunn, traveler, lecturer and alderman, died yesterday, aged 74.

Defeat Drys in Convention.  
Centralia, Ill., March 24.—There was a bitter fight between the "wet" and "dry" factions yesterday in the republican township convention. The "wets" won by a large majority, nominating the following ticket:

Collector—John Taylor.  
Town clerk—L. A. Louis.  
Highway commissioner—F. A. Kues.

Assessor—Harry McMillan.  
Supervisors—Matt Blakely and Zina Breeze.

Justice of the peace—George F. Yost.  
Constable—L. P. Williamson.  
School trustees—Charles Dobbs and Charles Allen.

Many of the "drys" threaten to bolt the ticket.  
Alleged Slayer Acquitted.  
Peoria, Ill., March 24.—Ova Baysinger, on trial for the alleged murder of Logan King, today was found not guilty. The killing took place at Edwards Station, sixteen miles west of Peoria, on Dec. 16. Baysinger claimed the shooting was an accident.

SPECIAL TAXATION NOTICE!  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the city council of the city of Rock Island, county of Rock Island, and state of Illinois, having ordered that a local improvement be made by the construction of a six inch water main on First street from Thirteenth to Fourteenth avenue, and the ordinance for the same is on file in the office of the city clerk having applied to the county court of Rock Island county for assessment of the costs of said improvement, according to frontage, and assessment therefor, having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing will be on the 10th day of April A. D. 1914, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

All persons desiring may file objections in said court before the said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

Said assessment is payable in five (5) installments, and all installments bear interest except the first, from and after date of confirmation until paid, at the rate of five per cent per annum.

P. J. CARY,  
Officer appointed to make assessment.  
Dated March 23, A. D. 1914.—(Adv.)

## MANN ACT FOUND BLACKMAILER AID

Result of Investigations By  
Government Officials Likely  
to Change Statute.

### TO PREPARE AMENDMENT

Instances Discovered Where Men  
Have Been Trapped Into Paying  
Large Sums of Money.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Amendment of the Mann white slave law probably will be recommended by the department of justice as a result of the operations of blackmailers in all parts of the country.

Evidence that the law is being used for blackmailing purposes has been presented to the department in such quantities that the various federal district attorneys are to be allowed the widest discretion as to the advisability of prosecuting complaints under the act until it is amended so as to limit its application to commercial vice.

Under prosecutions so far the law has turned out to be a one-sided affair in which the man suffers the extreme penalty and the woman, even if she is willingly guilty, goes free.

As a result of this, many men trapped into violation of the law have paid blackmail to escape prosecution. Recently the department discovered in a large city a clique of seven women who enticed men across a nearby state line and then threatened to prosecute them under the Mann act.

Pays Tribute for Months.

In another instance a man paid blackmail for some months and then was met with a demand for a large sum of money in a lump. He could not afford it, so came to Washington and threw himself on the mercy of

the department. The department ordered the local district attorney to get the state authorities to prosecute the woman on the charge of blackmail.

Many other similar incidents have been called to the department's attention and as a result prosecutions will be made in the future only where the man unquestionably guilty of violating the intent of the law. If the element of blackmail enters it will be the duty of the district attorney to weigh the culpability of the two persons and then proceed accordingly.

A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation in the department of justice, admitted today that many blackmailing cases had been brought to the attention of the department.

Seized as Trial Tamperers.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 24.—Ben Gerold, half brother to E. Fred Gerold, former city treasurer, on trial on a charge of withholding \$50,000 of funds from his successor, was arrested yesterday on a charge of having given a witness against Fred Gerold \$20 to remain away during the trial. Raymond LeCompte, a cousin of Ben Gerold, also was arrested. Each gave bond. Attachments issued against both men by the judge charged contempt of court.

Quick Relief for Rheumatism.

George W. Koons Lawton, Mich., says: "Dr. Detton's Relief for Rheumatism has given my wife wonderful benefit for rheumatism. She could not lift hand or foot; had to be lifted for two months. She began the use of the remedy and improved rapidly. On Monday she could not move and on Wednesday she got up, dressed herself and walked out for breakfast." Sold by Otto Grotjan, 1501 Second avenue, Rock Island; Gust Schlegel & Son, 220 West Second street, Davenport.—(Adv.)

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.—(Adv.)

## DAY IN DAVENPORT

Nail Punctures Artery in Fall.—Alderman William Gosch had a narrow escape and was perhaps saved from a dangerous injury by prompt medical aid, when he fell from a ladder at his meat market, 2047 West Third street, and stepping on a nail, pierced an artery in his left foot. Prompt medical attention prevented what might have been a dangerous wound. Mr. Gosch will probably be laid up for some time.

Body of Dow Buried Here.—The body of Charles Dow of New York City, a member of the well known Dow family, pioneers of Scott county, arrived from New York, and burial was made in the family lot in Oakdale cemetery, by the side of his parents. He was 69 years old. Mr. Dow was formerly of Wilton, Iowa. He was a nephew of the late T. T. Dow, who was once mayor of this city. He was also a cousin of John and Lyford Dow of Davenport. Funeral services were held from the Hill chapel. The pallbearers were Charles Pasche, Charles McIntyre, L. L. Sears, Lyford Dow, Stolley and William McIntyre.

Masons to Issue Paper.—Members of Mohassan Grotto No. 22 expect to embark in the field of journalism and will publish a four-page newspaper next Monday. The new paper, to be known as "The Pelican," will be released in connection with the grand ceremonial on April 19, at which time a class of 75 candidates will receive degree work. The Pelican staff is composed of E. H. Sanford, W. N. Bragg, W. S. McLeod and William Dodge. The following caption will appear on the front page: "Issued Whenever We Need the Money; Entered at the Back Door of the Postoffice; Male Edition Expurgated and Fumigated." A well known cartoonist has been signed up and the issue will be replete with "art." Various bits of news will be interspersed with squibs directed at local members of the Grotto.

Chief Names New Motorcycle "Cop."—Chief of Police Hans Schramm appointed Officer Bliekhan motorcycle policeman for the coming year. Officers Dahlquist and Bliekhan will ride the joy rider chaser during the summer months. City Detective Charles Boettcher, who became an expert on the motorcycle last year, is teaching the new rider how to stop the machine. In stopping the motorcycle last year and as a result his tailor bill was larger than usual for the season.

Fireman Injured in Fall.—While attempting to gain two seconds time in answering a fire alarm, Paul Cook, fireman at Hose company No. 5, plunged down the pole from the second story and tore the ligaments from his heel. He will be confined to his home for several months. The call came in early Sunday morning. Cook attempted to reach the ground floor before the other men. As he jumped for the sliding pole he missed his hold and fell to the floor, 16 feet below. He struck on his heel and ripped the ligaments from his foot. He was taken immediately to his home, Dixwell and Howell streets.

Arrested for Bootlegging.—When Eva Martin testified in police court yesterday on a charge of being an inmate of a disorderly house she informed the magistrate that she secured beer at a restaurant at Second and Iowa streets. To confirm her story she was taken to the restaurant operated by one A. Nicholoudikis at the location named above, in company

with City Detective Wm. Bishop. The woman entered the restaurant alone and is said to have called for a bottle of beer, which the police claim she was served. Nicholoudikis was promptly arrested on a bootlegging charge. He will have a hearing in police court today.

Awarded Hotel Clock Contract.—Plath Bros., jewelers of the Three Hundred block, were awarded the contract for an automatic clock system in the new Black Hawk hotel. The clocks are made by the Hahl Automatic Clock company of Chicago. There will be 15 of the clocks installed. This will be the first system of the Hahl clocks ever in Davenport.

Supervisors Canvass Petitions.—The board of supervisors have begun a canvass of the petitions of consent to sell liquor in towns and townships outside the city of Davenport. The petitions in each town and township, with the possible exception of Princeton, where a contest is promised, is believed to be more than sufficient. The board will probably conclude its task today.

Forged Checks Cashied at Grocery.—Alleged to have cashed two forged checks for \$14.50 each, one at the grocery store of Chris Kuehl, East Davenport, and the other at Long Grove, Charles H. Cummings is being sought by the local authorities. The checks were made payable to the McCausland Savings bank and the signature of Thomas McKinney is said to have been forged to them. The Long Grove victim is reported to have been C. F. Jacobs. The forged paper was dated March 9 and March 14. It is also reported that Cummings claims to have been an employee of the McCarthy Improvement company and claims also to have been employed by Mr. McKinney.

Cigar Company Out of Business.—One of the pioneer business firms of Davenport, the Otto Albrecht Cigar company, founded 60 years ago, has announced its intention of going out of business. For years the firm was the largest cigar factory in Davenport, having its factory at 306 West Second street, where the retail store is at present located. The company factory occupied all four floors of the building manufactured millions of cigars annually and was known to the cigar trade all over the middle west a generation ago. Two years ago the factory was closed down but the retail business has been continued until the present time, when the company has decided to close out. Otto Albrecht, one of the best known names among the successful German businessmen of a generation ago, founded the business April 1, 1854. After his death the firm came under the management of Theodor Hartz, a son-in-law. Officers of the company are: E. A. Hartz, president; P. V. Dunker, vice president; Theodor Hartz, secretary and treasurer. The business will be closed as soon as the stock is sold out. The building will either be sold or rented.

Sues Officer for Raiding Domicile.—Original notice of suit for \$5,000 damages against City Detective Wm. Bishop was filed in district court by Mrs. Kate Britt. The detective and Officer Plannery raided the Britt home, Fourth and Rock Island streets, April 6, 1913. The woman and several children were arrested. She was charged with keeping a disorderly house and fined \$50 and court costs, according to the police records. Each of the inmates paid a fine of \$1 and costs. A quantity of beer was taken in the

## BULGARIA'S QUEEN TO VISIT AMERICA



Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria.

Sofia, March 24.—The United States is soon to be honored by a visit from Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria. Accompanied by an extensive suite she will arrive in America about the middle of May and make a six or eight weeks' tour of the country.

The queen's visit is explained in part by the deep interest which she and King Ferdinand have always had in the United States, an interest which had been strengthened by the close association of the king and queen with the American doctors who were in charge of the Bulgarian hospitals during the war.

In visiting the United States at this time she is actuated by a twofold purpose. In the first place she hopes to counteract any antagonism to Bulgaria which may have resulted from the late Balkan wars and to show that the Bulgarians are not such barbarians as they are painted. Secondly, she hopes the visit will have the effect of informing Americans as to Bulgaria's needs and wishes and enlist American sympathy with the aspirations of Bulgaria to creditably maintain a place among the nations of Europe.

A further purpose of the queen is to gain information that will aid in solving the social and economic problems of Bulgaria.

Queen Eleonora will be the first reigning sovereign to visit the United States. She is known all over Europe as the "royal nurse." Of regal commanding appearance, she is every inch a queen. In the Russo-Japanese and the Balkan wars she not only directed others, but worked herself in bandaging wounds.

Queen Eleonora was a princess of Reuss, lower branch. She is about fifty-four years of age, and is the second wife of King Ferdinand, whom she married in 1908.

raid. The woman charges that the raid was made without a warrant and therefore asks damages.

Obituary Record.—Jacob Wiggers, 52 years old, a native of Davenport and a resident here until 13 years ago, died late Saturday at his home in Benzine, Wallen county, Mich., after a brief illness. Mr. Wiggers was born in Davenport, May 28, 1861. For many years he was proprietor of a saloon in the down town section of the city. Retiring from the liquor business in the year 1900, he joined the "back to the farm" movement and purchased property in Wallen county. There he has been located ever since. He was united in marriage 23 years ago with Miss Johanna Nagel, who survives, as does also four sons, Jacob D., Hugo, Walter and Alvin Wiggers, all of Michigan.

Mrs. Kasper Wachter, aged 63 years, died Sunday morning at her home, 1826 West Seventh street, after an illness of six months duration. Mrs. Wachter was born May 13, 1850, in Pennsylvania and came west when a young woman. She was married 11 years ago to Kasper Wachter, who survives. The ceremony took place in this city, two daughters survive, Mrs. Frank Rueffer of Davenport and Miss Clara Coory of Pasadena, Cal. In addition to two sisters, Mrs. Simon O. Omo, of Chicago, and Mrs. John A. Davis of Clarence, Iowa, one brother, James Rude of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and three step-children, Mrs. Carrie Gadient of Hot Springs, S. D., Mrs. Rudolph Schepler and Edward A. Wachter of Davenport.

Following a lingering illness of over a year's duration, Heinrich Gremmels, 65 years old, died at a local hospital. Mr. Gremmels was born Oct. 8, 1848, in Hanover, Germany. He was married in the old country to Miss Johanna Tossmann. They came to Scott county in 1870 and for many years conducted a farm two miles south of Eldridge. His wife died in 1884 and several years after her death Mr. Gremmels was married to Miss Dora Glese, who died in 1894. The following children survive: William and Emil Gremmels, Mrs. Emma Dietrich and Mrs. Adolph Mueller of Scott county.

Robert Emmet Davenport, 62 years old, died early yesterday morning at his home, 822 Brady street, after a brief illness. He has resided in Davenport but a few months. Deceased was born in Virginia. His wife survives.

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